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SUBJECT: NFDM SHIPMENT FROM GERMANY

1. HONDURAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES CALLED DCM JUNE 16 TO ASK OUR HELP ON FOLLOWING PROBLEM. SHIPMENT OF NON-FAT DRY MILK (NFDM) FROM GERMANY, (WHICH HAS, HE SAID, HAD RECENT RENEWED OUTBREAK OF AFTOSA), HAS ARRIVED IN HONDURAS AND HAS BEEN REFUSED ENTRY BY OFFICIAL OF "ANIMAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION" (WHICH MAY BE AFFILIATE OF PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION, HE THINKS).

2. ACCORDING TO CHARGE, SIMILAR PROBLEM AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH EMERGENCY AID SUPPLIES OF NFDM AFTER HURRICANE FIFI A FEW YEARS AGO AND WAS SETTLED TO EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION THEN BY ACTION OF HONDURAN GOVERNMENT TO "BOIL" NFDM AT 100 DEGREES CENTIGRADE AND CONTROL DISTRIBUTION BY LIMITING IT TO CITIES ONLY. CHARGE CLAIMS OTHER SHIPMENTS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN ADMITTED USING THESE TECHNIQUES. HONDURANS ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO REFUSE GERMAN SHIPMENT BUT CANNOT RUN RISK THAT EXPORTS OF MEAT TO US MAY BE RESTRICTED BECAUSE OF FEAR OF AFTOSA. CHARGE BELIEVES THAT IF US TELLS HEALTH ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL THAT THESE PROCEDURES

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STILL ACCEPTABLE, ALL WILL BE WELL.

3. WHEN ASKED WHY CHARGE WAS CALLING US RATHER THAN HAVING HONDURAN OFFICIALS DISCUSS WITH EITHER US EMBASSY IN TEGUCIGALPA OR PAHO (IF THAT IS IN FACT RIGHT ORGANIZATION), HE ANSWERED THAT CALL WAS AT HIS INITIATIVE, RESPONDING TO "FRANTIC" PHONE CALL HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM "A MINISTER" IN GOH, THAT AMERICANS HAD

ALWAYS BEEN HELPFUL IN PAST AND THAT GOH MINISTERS "WERE TOO SHY"
TO TAKE UP WITH US OFFICIALS IN HONDURAS (SIC).

4. COMMENT: HONDURAN CHARGE HERE IS VERY EXCITABLE CHAP WHO SEEKS
ANY OPPORTUNITY TO INJECT HIMSELF INTO A PROBLEM, THEN ESCALATE IT
TO A MATTER OF COSMIC DIMENSIONS. WHILE WE DO NOT IMMEDIATELY SEE
WHAT, IF ANYTHING, US OFFICIALS SHOULD DO ABOUT THIS, WE FORWARD
INFORMATION ON FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH. HINTON

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